

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/232,566

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the second supplemental appeal brief filed 07/17/2006 and the petition filed 11/01/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3 and 4 (which were renumbered as 1-2, respectfully).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Consideration of Petition

1. The petition filed November 1, 2006 has been treated as a request for reconsideration. A review of the file finds that the Examiner's Amendment mailed September 15, 2006 was improper inasmuch as the examiner failed to contact the applicant for the necessary approval of the requested change. Accordingly, the Notice of Allowability and Examiner's Amendment mailed September 15, 2006 are hereby VACATED. Similarly, the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed September 15, 2006 is VACATED. This communication replaces the previous Notice of Allowance paperwork. The new period for response has been reset to run from the mailing date of this communication.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 3 and 4 are allowed. Which were renumbered as 1-2, respectfully.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of records does not particularly teach an assembly of a camcorder-type liquid crystal display monitor, comprising means for mounting said assembly to the inner retracted side of a driver's sunvisor of a motor vehicle, whereby said sunvisor, when lowered, allows a driver easy, direct, close-range, sunlight-protected viewing of said monitor screen, as if the screen were a rear-view mirror, when used in conjunction with a video camera, to see to the rear when the unaided view is obstructed as specified in claim 3; and an assembly of a micro-video, pin-holed lens camera, comprising means for mounting said assembly on the reverse side of a plate, such as a license plate, at the rear of a trailer or motor vehicle, so that said camera can see through a predetermined-sized hole put in said plate, whereby said plate-mounted assembly

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conceals said pin-holed lens camera to lessen the risk of vandalism, whereby said camera is located in the ideal position at the rear of a trailer or motor vehicle for viewing a backing, when used in conjunction with a monitor as specified in claim 4.

The examiner has considered the phrase, "whereby said camera is located at the ideal position at the rear of a trailer or motor vehicle for viewing a backing," refers to a position that is best, based on objective, logical criteria, which are described in the specification, page 14, beginning at line 17, and page 31, beginning at line 11.

The criteria of the ideal position are:

- (1) "just beneath the bed of the trailer,"
- (2) "at the most advantageous height off the ground"
- (3) "Ideally, the plate should be mounted in the middle at the rear of the motor vehicle, or trailer,"
- (4) "mounted just under the bed of the trailer, at the rear. Here it is protected from rain and direct sunlight."

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


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Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung Vo whose telephone number is 571-272-7340. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on 571-272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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